

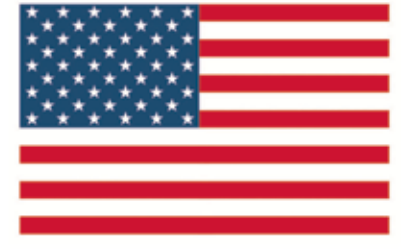
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Citizen participation on surveys needed for water line grant

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring is applying for a grant to replace some of its aging water lines, and it needs your help. "The survey is a grant application that we applied for. It's called the Community Development Block Grant. Part of the submittal is a survey in the areas that we're trying to address with the water line replacements. We're talking about in the area of \$400,000 grant funds – non-matching grant funds – to replace water lines in those areas," said Assistant City Manager John Medina. "What we need is about 80 percent participation in those surveys, and we're short about 50 or 55 surveys. So we're taking a little bit more of an active role in trying to get those surveys."



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Street;
 • The 1100 to 1500 block of Austin Street; and
 • The 1100 to 1700 block of Runnels Street.
 Surveys are being delivered to these areas Jan. 17 through Jan. 19 by city of Big Spring Code Enforcement employees.
 "We will be going door to door and assisting those folks that would want help to fill out the surveys. If they're not there, we'll leave the surveys and they can mail it back or call us and we'll come pick it up," Medina said. "We have a deadline of the 31st to get those applications back in." Medina said the employees delivering the surveys will be easy to spot.
 "They will have city uniforms or shirts on, and we will have IDs for them as well, so people will know who they're talking to," Medina said. Completed surveys can be returned to City Hall between 8 a.m. and noon, and between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or mail them using the stamped, self-addressed envelope provided. They can also have the survey picked up by a city employee by calling 432-264-2347.
 If you have questions or concerns contact Medina's office at 432-264-2345.

BSISD approves separation agreement with McLemore



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

The BSISD board room is shown decorated with posters and gift baskets provided by students from area schools for School Board Recognition Month.

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

At their meeting Thursday evening, Big Spring Independent School District trustees approved a "voluntary separation and mutual release agreement" with former BSISD Athletic Director and Big Spring High School Head Football Coach Mitch McLemore.

The meeting kicked off with a public hearing on the issue. During the hearing, Superintendent Jay McWilliams explained the situation surrounding McLemore's exit, but no members of the public addressed the board on the issue.

"Coach McLemore, just to remind everyone, was under contract through June of 2020. This was in effect because in January of this past year, 2018, his contract was renewed for another year, so it would have ended in June of 2020," said McWilliams. "The school district would have owed Mr. McLemore roughly over \$140,000 in wages...\$40,000 for the remainder of this year, and just over \$100,000 for the school year of '19-'20."

McWilliams outlined the provisions of the alternative agreement reached by BSISD and McLemore.

"The agreement that we came to would allow Coach McLemore to be put on paid administrative leave through January 25. At that time, Coach McLemore agreed to resign from Big Spring ISD," McWilliams said. "Part of the reason we allowed this was in good faith for Coach McLemore to help him with his TRS, his teacher retirement. We just felt like that was fair. So with that, we also agreed to pay Coach McLemore a grand total of \$67,500 in payments that are spread out over two different fiscal years. The first amount, \$42,500, is spread out in monthly installments through the remainder of this fiscal year, which is the '18-'19 fiscal year. And then there will be one lump-sum payment of \$25,000 in September that will not affect this year, it will affect '19-'20. Again, that \$25,000, if employed, if he were still in our district, would have been \$101,000 and some change. So the \$67,500 will be less than half of the amount, if Coach McLemore would have stayed employed, we would have owed him in his original contract which ended in June of 2020."

The agreement is a good one for the district, McWilliams said.

"This early separation agreement allowed the district to initiate changes in the athletic program immediately without the least amount of disruption. This early separation also allowed us to move forward with a new athletic director, it allowed all of our programs to have a sense of security and unity with the new athletic director in place," he said. "If we had not made this separation agreement, we would by law have to reassign Coach McLemore, but because of his contract, it would've had to be an administrative position. No loss of wages, no loss of any pay. It would've been an exact payment."

See **BSISD**, Page 3

Volunteer Council donates patient tram to Big Spring State Hospital

Courtesy photo

A recent donation from the local Volunteer Services Council to the Big Spring State Hospital made possible the purchase of this new tram. In this photo, the Volunteer Services Council Board and Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Traci Phillips pose with the new tram, which was delivered to the hospital in December and will be joining the Tram Fleet once it has been officially added to the hospital's fleet management system. According to BSSH Assistant Superintendent George Oteiza, "The new tram will serve as the primary tram allowing the old tram to be used as a backup. This will give the hospital two reliable vehicles to use to transport patients safely to and from the Activity Therapy Department." For more information about Big Spring State Hospital or the volunteer program, please contact Dee Lindsey, Community Relations Director at 432-268-7535.



Alive After 5

HERALD photo/Anna Gutierrez
 Star Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram hosted the first Alive After 5 of 2019 on Thursday with refreshments provided by Porter's and Big Mike's Farm Store. "Everyone is mingling and chatting," said Debbye Valverde,

Executive Director for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. "That's what these events are all about, getting to know your area businesses and Chamber members and pass out your business cards." Alive After 5 events remain a great networking opportunity that allows business professionals to connect, form partnerships and stay engaged in changes taking place in our community. The next Alive After 5 event date and details have not been announced yet, but we will inform you once info becomes available.

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Reflections: Resurrection Body

I took off my gloves the other day and laid them on the kitchen cabinet. I had been outside watching the sun rise, as is my habit, even though the temperature was in the teens. I have had these gloves a long time, several years.

When I went back to put them on again, I saw them lying there, limp and useless. They still held the form of my hands, the fingers slightly curved. The thumb in place to grasp something, but they were empty, wrinkled and worn with use.

My gloves reminded me of my body. The day will come when I will put off this body that has served me for seven

decades. Like my gloves, my body was once young and new, without wrinkle, elastic, unscarred. But over

the years it has grown old. My body groans when it moves, becomes stiff when I sit in one position too long. It aches. Putting on my socks has become an exercise in calisthenics.

When I die I will put off this body like I pull off my gloves when I come in from the cold. It will still hold something of my shape. But it will no longer be me, any more than my gloves are me. When my hand occupies my glove it can move and grasp things. The glove is filled with my life. Likewise my body is filled with me while I still live. But, someday, I will lay it down.

According to Scripture, I will eventually put on a new body, just as I can place my hands in a new pair of gloves. The Bible has a lot to say

about this, especially in 1 Corinthians 15. "It is sown [a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body: it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body."

When my mother was dying we talked about heaven. She was 89 years old. Her body had withered away. Her back was bowed with osteoporosis. Her vision was failing. She had suffered a series of mini-strokes. She had difficulty walking. When she was a young girl she was athletic, a beautiful fast runner. She won ribbons in track. We talked about how she would run again, the wind in her hair, flying through the meadow as she did when she was growing up on the farm.

There's a lot I don't know about Heaven. What kind of bodies will we have when we get there? Will our heavenly bodies resemble our earthly

bodies? Will we have different ethnicities, different skin color and racial features? Will we all look the same? Maybe we will know other in a different way, more spiritual and intuitive than visual. From what I know of God in this world, I would have to assume there will be variety ... lots of variety ... even more than we see on earth. But all prejudice and pride will vanish.

1 John 1:3-2 states, "Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is."

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.



BILL TINSLEY

Church News

Crestview Baptist Church

We at Crestview Baptist Church want to extend a warm invitation for you and your family to come and join us for worship, discipleship, evangelism, and fellowship. At Crestview, we are all about the gospel of Jesus Christ and serving Him as we learn His Word together.

Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., and Sunday Worship is at 11 a.m. Pastor Tom Lassiter will be preaching on Micah this Sunday morning. On Sunday and Wednesday nights, at 6:30 p.m., the pastor is teaching through the Book of Proverbs, verse by verse.

If you have any piano playing skills and feel led to use those skills we are in need of a piano player on Sunday morning. You can contact Pastor Tom Lassiter at (432) 213-4177.

Please come and join with us at Crestview if you are looking for a church home, where we believe that man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever! We are at 2305 Gatesville Rd. in Big Spring.

College Baptist Church

God continues to allow us to be on the move at College Baptist Church with Him, and we would love to meet with you as our visitors and friends on the corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. We have great Bible Study leaders for Sunday School Sunday Morning at 9:15 for all ages, and at 10:45 our great Worship team leads us in praise and inspiring hymns. Bro. Ken McMeans, our great pastor, will be leading us in a study of the Word from the Word of God. Don't forget your part in the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Sunday Evening at 6 p.m. we have another great Bible Study. Our service, Wednesday, King's Kids, Wee singers, and prayer and Bible study for Youth and Adults all meet at 7 p.m. Please remember that Jesus is the reason for ANY season. Summer and Winter, Springtime and Harvest He remembers His children. Don't forget to SAVE THE DATE event on February 23rd and 24th. We are planning a College Baptist Church reunion. All former members are welcome to attend this community event. Please continue in prayer so we can reach our "Jerusalem" and beyond for Jesus. Our Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal has almost been reached, every penny of which goes to the foreign mission field to help reach our world for Jesus. As a church we are involved in many ministries that come together with those in Howard County to meet the needs of our community. Pray for the DNOW effort February 8-10 grades 6th-12th as we reach out to the youth of our city. Come celebrate the joy with us in worship as we praise the Mighty God we serve. Please call: 432-267-7429, for more information about this great Church.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to rejoice in The LORD with them Sunday at 2:00 pm. Pastor Jim Walterhouse welcomes you to be a part of this dynamic group as they worship and study God's Word. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday night schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church

"I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations." Psalm 57:9

You're invited to become part of the First Baptist Church family Sunday at 10:50 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

as they come together in exaltation and awe of The Rock of Ages, Jesus Christ. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a mix of classic hymns of the faith, and contemporary praise and worship songs. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the morning sermon series "A People on Mission", and this week's message is titled "My Mission". Drawn from Mark 5:1-5, and Luke 8:28-39, congregants will contemplate God's truth that there are

no chains of bondage which He cannot dissolve, and, through faith in Jesus, we can exchange the shackles of darkness with cords of light and love. FBC is now offering Deaf Interpretation in the morning service. If you need assistance accessing the sanctuary due to mobility issues, use the west circle drive, and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at: fcbigspring.org. (Click on 'MORE' tab, then 'SERMONS')

At 9:30 Sunday School groups meet throughout the building with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and teens, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class.

At 5 pm in the chapel is the church-wide time of prayer; please come and join other believers in this occasion of intimate communion with our LORD.

Evening worship service starts at 5:30, and is a wonderful way to prepare one's heart for the upcoming week. Pastor Mark continues the journey through the book of Nehemiah, and Sunday evening's message is titled "Guidelines for Living." Drawn from Nehemiah 11:1-23, listeners will thoughtfully ponder that blessings and challenges often go hand-in-hand, and it is through faith accompanied by holy courage that we are able to embolden others to know Christ, and dwell in Him. All area men are invited to the Men's Bible Study Saturday January 19 at 8 a.m. The study is "The Man God Uses" by Henry Blackaby. Mother's Day Out is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-3. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 to inquire about available openings for your little ones. Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 p.m., and include Adult Bible Study and prayer time, Real LYF for children, Youth group, and Adult worship choir practice. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 432-270-8332 for details about the teen events. FBC is looking for a secretary/receptionist to work in the church office. If you are interested in applying, or know someone who might be interested, please call the church at 267-8223, or see Pastor Mark for more information.

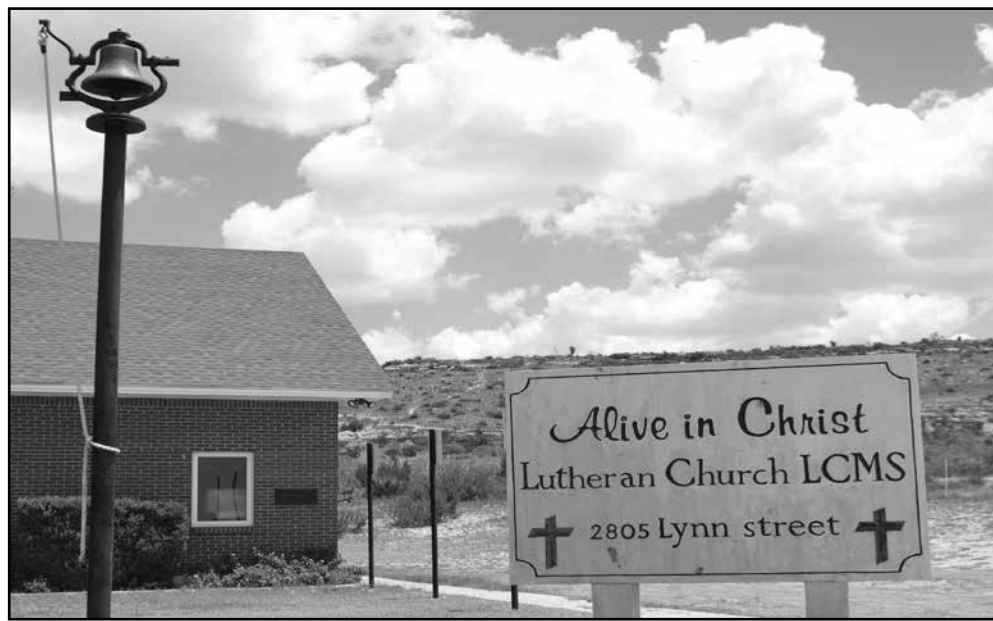
To find out more about what's happening at FBC, go to the website: fcbigspring.org or call 267-8223.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church. "...may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ...guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 20, 2019 "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives".

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kent-



wood Neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Lamb or the church office, please call (432) 264-7818, or e-mail us at alivein-christtx@gmail.com.

Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and our Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invita-

tion to join us this Sunday.

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study begins at 6:30 pm. Our meal is being served from 5:30-6:30. Please come and join us again soon.

Bill Dorey will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located North of the High School on Goliad Street (1001 S. Goliad), and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Parish Hall. On Wednesday's we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and evening we have Evening prayer, dinner, and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Happenings for February

**Singer-Pianist-Songwriter Valerie T. Queen will present a concert about peace at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 South Goliad St. The concert is at 7 pm on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019.

*Valerie Queen is from San Angelo where she participates with Peace Ambassadors of West Texas in their studies, events and travels. She has a Master's Degree in Music Theory/Composition from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Her music includes Broadway, Pop, Country, Original and Classical.

"Valerie has not only a truly universal nature to her message, but also a powerful talent through which she delivers it."

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Spring Creek Fellowship

KID CONNECT/GOSPEL PROJECT FOR KIDS Sunday, January 20, 2019, BREAD FROM HEAVEN, Exodus 15-17

Lesson point: God provided for the physical needs of His people.

All men are invited to the weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. at Evita's Restaurant in the mall. Please join us!

The Pain Management Class meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. If you have chronic pain and would like to learn how to manage it, please attend this class. It meets in Room 4 of the Adult Connections Classrooms in the Mall.

There is a new sisterhood for widows in our community. This group is called "PUP" which stands for "Picking Up Pieces". All widows in Big Spring and the surrounding areas are welcome! Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served. We would love to see you there! For address or more info, please contact the church office.

"Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry is taking donations to sponsor turkeys and hams to give to families in need for the holidays. Just \$5 will help! Contact Kay Elder for more information.

Volunteers are needed for "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry to unload trucks on Wednesdays before they are open on the weekend. Hours are on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. If you are in need of food, please come see us! We are in the mall. Go in the door where the movie theater is located and we are in the first spot on the left! If you are interested in volunteering with the "Blessing Box" ministry or the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry, please contact Kay Elder.

Children's Church is a great place for your child to learn and play while you enjoy Worship! We are

Tell me something I don't know

"There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us." Psalms 4:6

I have been going to church since I was a child. I have heard hundreds if not thousands of sermons, mostly against sin or how to avoid it. I have read all the verses in the Bible that condemn sin and talk about the horrific consequences of it. But to my dismay, neither the Bible verses or the sermons I have heard have given me the ability to cease from sin - I still sin.



TOM SLOAN

So, in my desperate quest to be a sinless being, or at the minimum, to sin a bit less, I lost hope when I came to understand that sinlessness was never going to happen for me. And worse yet, I felt that I was not pleasing to God.

I needed for someone to tell me something I didn't already know.

In my despondency I said - who will show me any good? Was there no hope in my hopelessness? Just about the time I figured out that I was never going to be sinless (because all my good works were as filthy

rag), and losing all hope in myself, I heard the Good News of the gospel of the grace of God.

By the bloodied and battered crucified body of the Lord Jesus, God was telling the world something we had never heard. He was telling us that He loves sinners. He was communicating the fact that He would stop at nothing to offer His unconditional, redeeming, sovereign grace to us.

I don't need to hear that my sin is sin, I already know this and frankly, I'm up to here with that message. I need for someone to tell me of Jesus and His love.

CHURCH

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excited about this new ministry for children ages K through 4th grade! We will be building on our Kid Connect lessons. Please bring your children for the fun and learning!

The Taylor School of Ministry is now in session. This session will address "How to Study the Bible." If you are interested, please contact Derrick Looney or the church office.

Our Van Ministry is growing and needs licensed drivers to help pick up those that need a ride to church. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, contact the church office.

Donations are needed for our Blessing Box placed outside in front of the church. This ministry is separate from "Our Daily Bread" and is supported completely by donations of nonperishable foods. Please consider donating nonperishable food items on a regular basis if you are able! Everyone is welcome to take what they need and donations are greatly appreciated.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry has no operating

Saturday

7:30 a.m.-Men's Prayer Breakfast. Breakfast at Evita's Restaurant in the mall and prayer at the church.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website at springcreekfellowship.org

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at (432)714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

First Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Taylor Todd, meets at 5 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The first meeting of the informal "Lunch Bunch" was held at the Settles Grill last week and was well-attended. This week the place to meet will be Stella's Café on Highway 87 north of town and the time will again be 11:30 on Thursday. Members are asked to call the church office to RSVP, and bring a friend.

The Service Committee met last week and

Chair Katie Grimes announced that the annual Hygiene Products Drive will be February 17th and 24th. Members are asked to bring products such as soaps, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, mouthwash, shave cream, razors, combs, wash cloths, and deodorants for people in need.

Session members are also reminded to come to the next Session meeting, which will be Jan.21, at 6 p.m. in the library, with suggestions for people to serve on a search committee for an organist/choir director.

Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. in the library for business meeting and Bible study. The study will be on Lessons 4 and 5 from the book God's Promise: I Am With You.

The Discovery Class began a new DVD study by Adam Hamilton last week. The study is "Simon Peter - Flawed but Faithful Disciple." The six-session study features Hamilton on location in Israel and Italy, showing key sites in the life of Simon Peter.

John Ferguson's Covenant Class begins a new unit, "Our Love for God." Unit II for the five Sundays in January Loving God by Trusting Christ, focuses on selected scripture from II Thessalonians, James, and Philippians.

Susan Wilson will provide refreshments for Take Ten this week. Lector is Kay Kennemur. Ushers last Sunday were Lynn and Helen Glass, Jim Little, and Ellen Austin.

The lectionary passages for the Second Sunday after Epiphany are Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36: 5-10; I Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11. Rev. Taylor Todd will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir opens

BE STILL

When I was a child, I ran everywhere I went. When I was seated, I would fidget and continually move around. I could not sit still. In my sleep I could not be still. I was full of the energy of an overactive child. Many times my mother would admonish me with these words, "Lillian, can't you just be still!" I wanted to really bad just to please her, but my little mind just couldn't make me do what I apparently should be doing.

I loved to be outdoors because then I could run and play and not be still to my heart's content. When we went fishing, I don't know how I ever caught any fish, because I had to sit so still. If we were hunting, my daddy would always admonish me not to run ahead of him. He didn't want me to get shot, because he was shooting rabbits or quail or chucker that we flushed out of the sagebrush. All I wanted to do was try and catch the rabbit that was getting away.

I ran all the way through college, up steps, down steps, and all through the halls. Usually because I wanted to get to class first so I could sit in the front row. So full of energy, I played every sport I could enroll in, even if I didn't know much about how to play.

Then I became an adult, married, and had a child of my own. He gave me a run for my money. I would wrestle him to the ground just like I did my younger brothers when we were kids. He turned twelve and I had to stop. He became stronger and would hurt me.

We had a fruit farm and a huge garden, and just like I did my folks in helping in the family garden, my son and I worked that garden so we would have plenty of food for our table. It took a lot of energy to keep up with a young boy, but we were friends then and he's still my best friend today.

The energy with which I live life today is the same as it was when I was younger. But the old mind is telling me to "Be still!"

So is the Lord Jesus. My favorite verse in the Bible is "Be still and know that I am God." In Psalm 84:6, it tells us we are blessed and will be still praising Him. It says to know God's Word, we must stand still a while and see His Word. He told the boisterous wind that terrified the seasoned fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, "Be still!"

In heaven I believe we will be so in awe of God and His Son, there will be no sin there, and we will so commune in our hearts that we will be still before them. Scriptures say in Psalms 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."

I think that's probably the only time my mind will ever be still.

the service musically with the Introit, "Arise, Your Light Is Come." The Offertory will be "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" arranged by Martin Neary, presented by the Choir.

Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.org. Please Like us on Facebook.

Baker's Chapel AME Church

Monday, January 21, Baker's Chapel AME Church, located on 911 N. Lancaster is hosting their annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative service with the hopes of bringing the community together to remember the dream one man had.

"It is with great pride that Baker's Chapel will host our annual MLK commemorative service," said Pastor Red. Sonia Scott. "The service will allow time for those who need to return to work by 1 p.m. We will even provide a sack lunch and drinks to all our guests that day."



budget, so repairs are made with donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact the church office.

Our Nursery needs workers on Sunday mornings. If you have a heart for children and would like to give some of your time loving on our smallest members, please contact Lauren Bratcher.

We have an "App" for your convenience. It is easy to work with and has many applications. Go to your App Store, search for "The Church App" and download. Then search for "Spring Creek Fellowship Texas." That should take you to our Home Page.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday-9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups

10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with coffee, drinks and fellowship.

10:45 a.m.-noon-Worship Service

10:45 a.m.- noon-Children's Church

5 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Tuesday-

6 p.m.- Pain Management Class-Room 4

7 p.m.-Women's Bible Study-Beautiful Outlaw

Wednesday-

Community Groups-various times and places

Thursday

7 p.m.Men's Bible Study-Kingdom Disciples

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Hawks upset #11 Odessa College 65-56 at home, improve to 4-2 in conference play

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

BIG SPRING – Howard College jumped out to an early lead against the Odessa College Wranglers Thursday night at Dorothy Garret Coliseum and held the lead for the entire game behind great team defense and really good shot selections. The Hawks held the red hot Wranglers to just 3 for 21 from deep and forced Odessa College to play into their hands all night with smart and disciplined play on both ends of the court.

In the first half, Howard College took away the inside post presence of the much bigger Odessa team. Garrick Green did a great job of keeping the wrangler big men off their spot and forcing their bigs to either take bad shots or pass out of the low block. With Mike Hardin Jr. locked up on the Wranglers' best shooter all night, the Hawks were able to put Odessa College in bad position deep into the shot clock and continually force bad shots. Despite the size advantage for the Wranglers, Howard College managed to stay right with Odessa in rebounding and limit the Wranglers second chance opportunities in the first half to maintain a narrow lead that would be cut to as little as three points during the first half of play.

With both teams struggling to shoot the ball from inside the arc at below 40% each, it was the long ball that separated the two teams. The Hawks shot 42% from three while limiting the Wranglers to just 22% in the half and that difference was directly related to the difference on the scoreboard. Garrick Green, Matt Johnson and Jake Heese all played really well on the offensive side of the ball in the first half and kept the Hawks ahead with Harden Jr., Malcolm Green and Eric Reed Jr. leading the way on defense with great pressure and hustle throughout. The Hawks ended the fast paced first half leading the #11 team in the nation 30-21 and had all the momentum in their favor headed into the break.

In the second half, the Hawks defense once again rose to the challenge and continued to keep Odes-



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)
Howard College's Garrick Green is fouled while attempting a shot during the Hawk's 65-56 win over eighth ranked Odessa College on Thursday, January 17, 2019.

sa off balance and taking poor shots. The Hawks opened the second half with back-to-back threes to push their lead to double digits, but the #11 Wranglers didn't go down without a fight and began to dominate the glass with their size and get some

easy second chance opportunities. That said, Odessa College really struggled from the free throw line and never could capitalize on their inside presence and never just 3 of 9 shots in the game.

The Wranglers started getting more patient with their offense midway through the second half and were able to close the gap to single digits behind some clutch shooting and great ball movement. However, every time Odessa made a run the Hawks answered never lost the lead despite letting the Wranglers cut the lead all the way down to 3 points with 7:45 left in the game. Odessa was able to get it close after finally finding a way to feed their seven foot post Jordan Pierce the ball in the paint. Pierce was 5 for 5 from the field but Howard College once again made the necessary defensive adjustments and denied the post entry to stop the run and maintain their lead.

With Odessa playing catchup and their press failing almost all night to create any type of turnovers or easy transition baskets, the Hawks just continued to methodically work the ball around and find open shooters and cutters for good looks at the basket. With a 7 point lead in the closing minutes the Hawks were able to shoot their way to victory from the foul line as the Wranglers had to foul in desperation. The Hawks ability to outshoot their opponent from the foul line and the free throw line really ended up being the difference in this important conference rivalry as Howard College was able to hang on for an impressive 65-56 upset win to go to 4-2 in conference play and to drop Odessa College to 4-1 giving them their first conference loss.

Garrick Green led the Hawks in scoring with 17 points while Matt Johnson added 15, Malcolm Green had 11 and Jake Heese put in 10 points as well. Garrick also led the team in rebounds with 9, 5 of which came on the offensive glass. The Hawks shot 43% from deep while holding the Wranglers to 14% respectively. That difference was the difference in the game, and gave the Hawks their outstanding upset win.

Lady Hawks go ice cold in 59-40 loss to conference rival Odessa College

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

BIG SPRING – To say that the Lady Hawks shot the ball poorly Thursday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum would be an understatement. Howard College started the game with a 4 minute 30 second drought to go down 8-0 early and things didn't get any better from there. The Lady Hawks shot just 24% from the field in the game and an abysmal 9% from the three point line. To compile that issue the Lady Hawks were also out rebounded 35 to 19 in the game so there weren't many second chance opportunities for Howard College as many of their possessions were one and done. Odessa College led the entire game and led by double digits for most of the contest.

In the first quarter Howard College couldn't seem to buy a bucket outside the paint and didn't get their first points for over 4 minutes. Corbyn Cunningham finally got the Lady Hawks on the board and between herself and Makayla

Thomas they were the only real scoring threats throughout the game. But with Cunningham getting beat on the boards the Lady Wranglers took control of the game and pushed the lead to double digits early, ending the first quarter with a 21-6 lead over the Lady Hawks.

In the second quarter, Howard College finally started to get busy on the glass and get some much needed rebounds and second chance opportunities. Thomas played well in the quarter using penetration and great defense to get some easy looks and transition baskets. But that success was short lived and despite the elevated play of Cunningham and Thomas to cut the lead to 11, Odessa answered with a quick score of their own to push the lead back to 30-17 headed into the half.

Coming out of the break, Cunningham was still fighting hard and playing tough but the defense of the Lady Wranglers' Julian McDonald really seemed to give her problems and definitely

affected her rebounding in the game. Every time Howard College amped up their intensity, Odessa matched it and continued to out shoot and out rebound the Lady Hawks to increase their lead to 17 with a 46-29 lead heading into the final period.

In the fourth quarter, Cunningham really tried to press the issue and establish herself down low but it was just too little too late as the Lady Wranglers used Howard College's desperation against them to force bad turnovers and poor shot selection. With time running out the Lady Hawks just couldn't find an answer to the Odessa' defense and fell to the Lady Wranglers 59-40 to drop to 3-3 in conference play while Odessa improved to 3-1.

Cunningham was the lone bright spot offensively for the Lady Hawks with 18 points, but even she only shot 8 for 21 from the field in what was a shooting night to forget for Howard College. The Lady Hawks will look to get back on track next week against Midland.



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Howard College's Makayla Thomas puts up a three point attempt during the Lady Hawk's 59-40 loss to Odessa College on Thursday, January 17, 2019.

Manning inks deal with DBU for track



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Photo Cutline: Joe Manning, center, poses for a photo with family and friends after he signed his commitment papers to Dallas Baptist University to run track and field next year. Pictured are from left standing Julia Mashburn, Jackson Mueller, Sarah Manning, TJ Manning, George West, Judy West, Tom Taylor, Terri Price, Mark Richardson, CISD Athletic Director Chris Joslin, and sitting from left Brandy Manning, Joe Manning, and Jimmy Manning.

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Joe Manning's quick feet has earned him a spot on Dallas Baptist University's Patriot track team for next year.

"I really felt a calling to Dallas Baptist," said Manning, a Coahoma High School senior. "I've been to church camp there for years, but I felt a calling there. I did take visits from another school in Arkansas, and I have some offers from other schools but, really, DBU has been the one since the beginning."

Manning signed his commitment papers to the NCAA Division II program with his mother, Brandy, and father, Jimmy, on either side of him while the rest of his

family gathered around during an all-school assembly Thursday.

"I want to thank all my coaches and teammates," Manning said. "This has been a long ride for everybody. Most importantly, I want to thank God. I pray I can continue to glorify Him academically, athletically through all this. Track is great but my identity is with Him."

Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Chris Joslin describes Manning as an athlete who exemplifies the four golden rules of the Coahoma ISD athletic department: Be a great teammate, play relentlessly, trust your coaching, and details matter.

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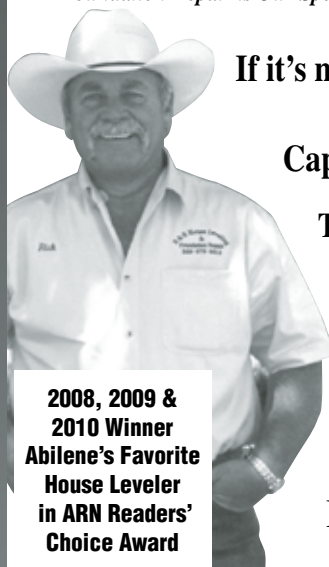
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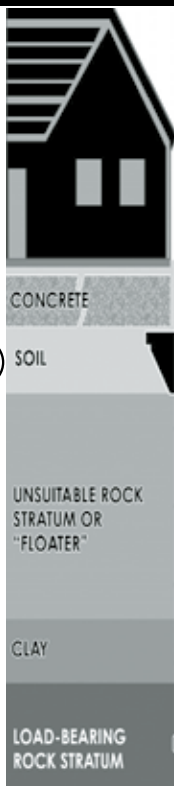
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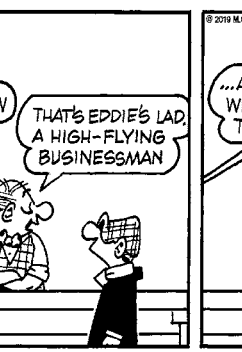
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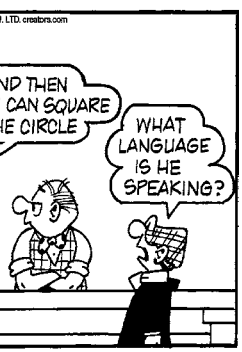
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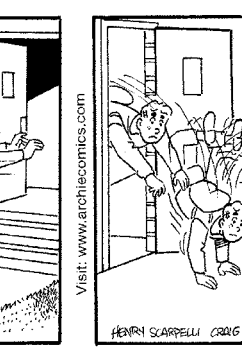
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In 1904, actor Cary Grant was born Archibald Leach in Bristol, England.

In 1911, the first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Harbor.

In 1919, the Paris Peace Conference, held to negotiate peace treaties ending the First World War, opened in Versailles (vehr-SY), France.

In 1936, Nobel Prize-winning author Rudyard Kipling, 70, died in London.

In 1943, during World War II, Jewish insurgents in the Warsaw Ghetto launched their initial armed resistance against Nazi troops, who eventually succeeded in crushing the rebellion. The Soviets announced they'd broken through the long Nazi siege of Leningrad (it was fully lifted). A U.S. ban on the sale of pre-sliced bread — aimed at reducing bakeries' demand for metal replacement parts — went into effect.

In 1967, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler," was convicted of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. (Sentenced to life, DeSalvo was killed in prison in 1973.)

In 1975, the situation comedy "The Jeffersons," a spin-off from "All in the Family," premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1991, financially strapped Eastern Airlines shut down after more than six decades in business.

In 1993, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was observed in all 50 states for the first time.

In 2001, President Bill Clinton, in a farewell from the Oval Office, told the nation that America had "done well" during his presi-

dency, with record-breaking prosperity and a cleaner environment.

In 2005, the world's largest commercial jet, the Airbus A380 "superjumbo" capable of flying up to 800 passengers, was unveiled in Toulouse, France.

Ten years ago: Israeli troops begin to withdraw from Gaza after their government and Hamas militants declared an end to a three-week war. A star-studded pre-inaugural concert took place on the National Mall, featuring Bruce Springsteen, Bono (BAH'noh) and Beyonce, with President-elect Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, in attendance. The Arizona Cardinals of the NFL advanced to their first Super Bowl with a 32-25 win over the Philadelphia Eagles; the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Baltimore Ravens 23-14 to win the AFC Championship and reach their seventh Super Bowl.

Five years ago: Results showed that nearly 20 million Egyptian voters backed the country's new constitution, almost double the number of those who'd voted for one drafted in 2012 under the government of toppled Islamist President Mohammed Morsi. "American Hustle" took the Screen Actors Guild Awards' top honor for outstanding cast; Matthew McConaughey was recognized for his lead performance in "Dallas Buyers Club" while Cate Blanchett won the actress award for "Blue Jasmine."

One year ago: At the end of a visit to Chile that was meant to heal the wounds of a sex abuse scandal, Pope Francis accused victims of Chile's most notorious pedophile of slandering another bishop; Francis said he would need to see proof that Bishop Juan Barros was complicit in covering up the sex crimes of the Rev. Fernando Karadima. Texas executed by lethal injection Anthony Allen Shore, who became known as Houston's "Tourniquet Killer" because of the murder technique used on four female victims.

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Today's Birthdays: Movie director John Boorman is 86. Former Sen. Paul Kirk, D-Mass., is 81. Singer-songwriter Bobby Goldsboro is 78. Comedian-singer-musician Brett Hudson is 66. Actor-director Kevin Costner is 64. Country singer-actor

Mark Collie is 63. Actor Mark Rylance is 59. Actress Alison Arngim (TV: "Little House on the Prairie") is 57. Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley is 56. Actress Jane Horrocks is 55. Comedian Dave Attell (uh-TEHL) is 54. Actor Jesse L. Martin is 50. Rapper DJ Quik is 49. Rock singer Jonathan Davis (Korn) is 48. Former NAACP President and CEO Benjamin

Todd Jealous is 46. Singer Christian Burns (BBMak) is 45. Actor Derek Richardson is 43. Actor Jason Segel is 39. Actress Samantha Mumba is 36. Country singer Kristy Lee Cook (TV: "American Idol") is 35. Actress Devin Kelley is 33. Actress Ashleigh Murray (TV: "Riverdale") is 31. Tennis player Angelique Kerber is 31. Actor Mateus Ward is 20.

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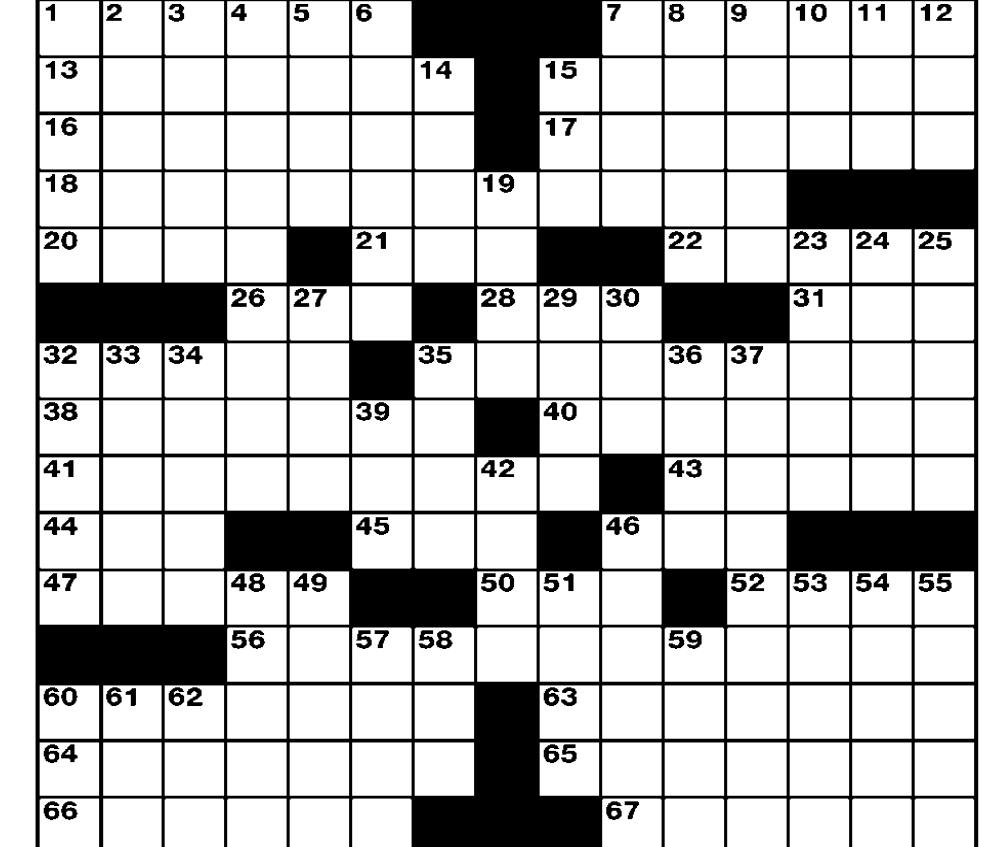
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 - 28 Pause that refreshes
 - 31 Typical questionnaire question
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TCU junior guard Fisher out for season and leaving program

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Basketball Writer
FORT WORTH, Texas — TCU junior point guard Jaylen Fisher will miss the rest of this season because of ongoing issues with his surgically repaired right knee and he will not return to the program next season.

"Obviously we haven't had him for a while," coach Jamie Dixon said Thursday. "He's been in and out for really three years, so it's something we've always known was a possibility given the history and the number of surgeries."

Dixon said Fisher has had surgery six times in

the past three years. Fisher broke his left wrist late in his freshman season and has since had torn meniscus in both knees.

In a post to TCU fans on social media, Fisher said he decided to leave the program "after a lot of time and conversation with family and friends." He didn't reference the injuries or where he might play next.

"The memories of rebuilding a basketball program with and for my classmates, fans, and teammates will be cherished forever," Fisher wrote. "I just thought at this point in time it is best to continue elsewhere."

If granted a medical red-

shirt, the 6-foot-2 guard from Memphis could have two seasons of eligibility remaining at another school. He played in only nine games this season for the Horned Frogs (13-3).

"We're supporting him in every way possible, whatever that decision may be," Dixon said. "His intention is to finish classes this spring, and then see if he can continue to play, or maybe need to go down a level to do that."

Fisher will remain on scholarship while attending classes at TCU this spring, and will continue to receive regular medical treatments on campus.

He last played Christmas

Day during a tournament in Hawaii. Fisher was with the team for its first two Big 12 games, but wasn't on the bench for the last two games, including Tuesday night's 98-67 home win over West Virginia. In 61 career games for TCU, Fisher averaged 10.9 points and 4.2 assists per game. He was the highest-ranked recruit ever to sign with and play for TCU.

Fisher missed the second half of last season, and the school's first NCAA Tournament appearance in 20 years, after tearing meniscus in his right knee last January. He needed additional surgery on that knee in the fall, and had been

dealing with swelling and soreness throughout this season.

His freshman season in 2016-17 ended when he broke his wrist in TCU's NIT opener before the Frogs went on to win the tournament. He averaged 9.9 points and led all Big 12 freshmen with 4.0 assists in his 35 games that season, Dixon's first at his alma mater.

After recovering from the wrist injury that summer, Fisher tore the meniscus in his left knee during a workout and missed a team trip to Australia while rehabbing to be ready for the start of his sophomore season.

Big Spring Junior High Basketball Results

Special to the Herald

The 8th grade girl's defeated the San Angelo Lincoln ladies 42-11 yesterday. It was a great team effort. Our defense was awesome holding

Them to just 11 points. On offense, Jalen Sykes and Daniah Wrighter led the way in scoring. On defense, all our guards played well

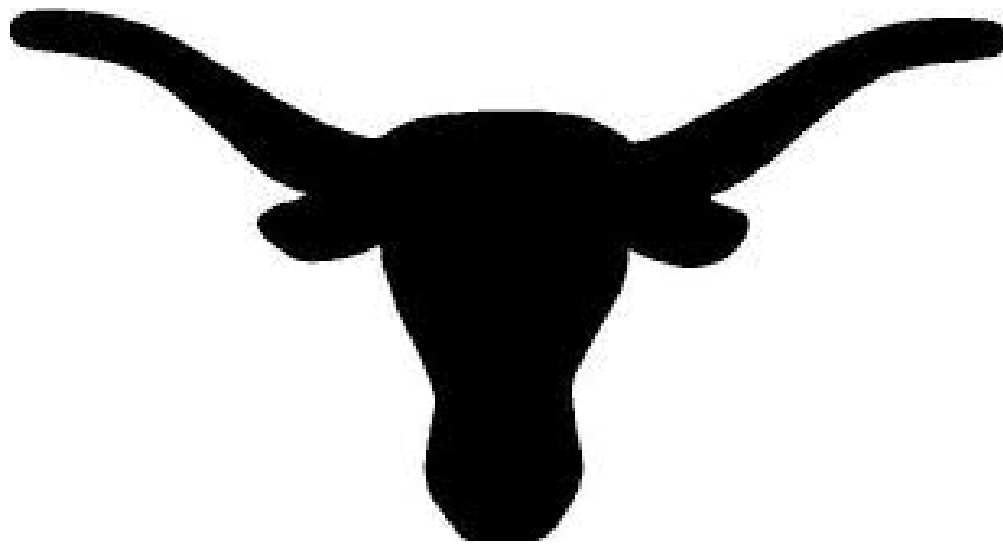
Hawking the ball all night led by Elaina Arredondo, Gisselle Holguin, Emily Matthews, Monica Gutierrez.

Going back to last week's tournament in Snyder, 8th grade B came out strong with two big wins against Sweetwater (18-6) and

Snyder (30-20). High scorers in the game against Sweetwater were Kailie Fierro with 8 points and Geneveive Bedinger with 5-

All of the girls came out strong on both offense and defense. In the game against Snyder our high scorers were Kaydence

Canales with 14 points and Geneveive Bedinger with 6. Again, all girls stepped up on both offense and



defense to win this Final game against Snyder. In last night's game against San Angelo Lincoln our girls got a big win (42-13). Kaydence

Canales was our high scorer with 22 points and 8 steals, Mia came in with 12 points and 5 steals, and Geneveive Bedinger

And Miranda Young both added 4 points each. We were short on girls but these ladies stepped up and worked extra hard

For the win. The 7th grade A team fell to San Angelo Lincoln in a very hard fought battle (13-18). They played a great game with heart and hustle.

Tied with less than 2 minutes in the game, we fought until the final buzzer. Every player worked hard and improved on the court.

Delaney Moreno led on offense with 6 points followed by Kylee Haynie with 3 and Alexa Mehan and Cloe Vi-asana with 2 points each.

Briana Rivera, Delaney Moreno, Julianna Fraser, and Angelina Rivera were hot on defense. I am so proud of all 10 of my girls. This was

by far their best game from start to finish. We are looking forward to our next game!

The 7th B Team fell to San Angelo Lincoln yesterday. It was a hard a game and the girls pushed back with everything they had. Defense was

well played in the 2nd half and the girls communicated well on the court. Natalie A. Martinez and Kendra Banks led great on defense. On offense

R' Lonie Cole and Lauren Bryans led with multiple turnovers. The girls are continuing to improve and work together as a team!

Congratulations Big Spring Tennis Athletes! District 5-4A announces its 2018-19 season All-District Team Tennis Team

The following Big Spring players were recognized.

First Team

No. 2 Boys Doubles – Blade Franks/Nick Gomez

Second Team

No. 1 Boys Doubles – Blake Marshall/Ed Urias

No. 3 Boys Doubles – Wesley Schmidt/Jayden Tubb

No. 1 Boys Singles – Blake Marshall

No. 2 Boys Singles – Nick Gomez

No. 3 Boys Singles – Blade Franks

No. 5 Boys Singles – Wesley Schmidt

No. 1 Girls Doubles – Gabby Medina/Marissa Salazar

Honorable Mention

No. 1 Girls Singles – Marissa Salazar

No. 5 Girls Singles – Brooklin Mojica

No. 6 Girls Singles – Katie Humphries

No. 4 Boys Singles – Ed Urias

No. 6 Boys Singles – Ransom Colette

MANNING

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"Whenever he is told to do something, he doesn't know the word no," said CHS Head Track & Field Coach John-Michael Leggett. "It's whatever can I do to help the team out. He is dedicated to Coahoma High School. I know he will continue that dedication at Dallas Baptist and they are getting one heck of a kid coming up there to run. I look forward to seeing how he does in the future and all the success he is going to have on the track."

Besides a stellar track and field competitor, Manning also plays football and basketball at the varsity level. He is a stand-out academic and student leader at CHS. Manning is a member of the National Honor Society, serves as president of his senior class and the student council and is involved with both FCA and First Priority.

While attending DBU, Manning plans to study business administration and is considering a minor in kinesiology.

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2 QBs leaving Longhorns as transfer frenzy hits Texas

By **JIM VERTUNO**

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AUSTIN, Texas — Texas is set at quarterback with Sam Ehlinger, who had a breakout season in 2018. It is the depth chart behind him that has suddenly become a concern for coach Tom Herman as the wave of players exploring their options to move has reached the Longhorns.

Experienced backup Shane Buechele entered the NCAA transfer database Thursday and could be playing somewhere else next season. Freshman Cameron Rising has left the team and plans to transfer. Another touted freshman backup, Casey Thompson, took to Twitter on Thursday to knock down a report that he'd told the team he'll be back next season and said he hasn't made up his mind.

Texas is just the latest program to be rattled by players eager to find a new place to play.

"It's the wide, wild world of free agency ... This is going to be the new norm," said former Arkansas and Mississippi coach Houston Nutt, an analyst for CBS Sports. "Is this good for football? I don't know, but I think that's just the way it's going to be."

There were some seismic quarterback moves across the college football landscape in recent days:

— Jalen Hurts' transfer from Alabama to Oklahoma, moving him from one consistent national title contender to another. The two programs met in the College Football Playoff this

past season when Alabama beat Oklahoma.

— Georgia's Justin Fields, rated by some as the top recruit in the country in 2018, transferred to Ohio State, prompting Buckeyes backup Tate Martell to bolt for Miami.

— Oklahoma's Austin Kendall left the Sooners for Big 12 rival West Virginia, a move that drew intense scrutiny when Oklahoma initially sought to block the move.

Kendall will be eligible to play in 2019 as a graduate transfer. The same would go for Buechele if he transfers after earning his degree in May.

So just how big of a deal is a backup quarterback leaving anyway?

Ask Alabama, which needed Hurts to come off the bench to rally the Crimson Tide to a win over Georgia in the SEC championship game. Texas needed Buechele off the bench to beat Baylor and Iowa State last season when Ehlinger was injured in both games.

If Texas loses all three backups, it will be Ehlinger and no one else with even one college-level snap under their belt on the sideline next season.

In Hurts, Oklahoma gets a quarterback who led Alabama to an undefeated regular season in 2016 before losing to Clemson in the national title game. Hurts led the Crimson Tide back to the championship game before he was quartered for Tua Tagovailoa and lost his starting job this season.

Buechele was the full-time starter at Texas in 2016 when he set numerous

school freshman passing records. He started 2017 as the No. 1 but Ehlinger started several games and had taken over the job full-time by the start of 2018.

The flurry of high-profile transfers comes as several trends in football converge.

Elite quarterbacks come out of high school more ready to play than ever before. Many enroll in college in January to join their team for spring practice and be ready to compete for the starting job by the fall. That also puts them on the fast track to graduate early, allowing them to transfer without restrictions later.

The NCAA has made it easier for players to transfer. The so-called "transfer portal" is part of a rule adopted in 2018 that lets major-college athletes put their name on a list of players considering a transfer, without first getting permission from their current program. Any coach can contact the player to pitch their program as a good fit.

Transfer rules still require some athletes to sit out for a full academic year before playing again. Graduates can play right away, and players who haven't graduated can appeal to the NCAA to be immediately eligible. The NCAA has tweaked its guidelines for handling waiver requests and is granting more since a change was made last year.

That puts new power in the hands of the athletes over their careers.

"Free agency in college football is

more entertaining than free agency in pro football," said Yogi Roth, college football analyst for the Pac-12 Network and host and coach of the Elite 11 competition for top high school quarterbacks. "Amid the money of college football and the business side, these guys want to play. That's the beauty of it. I hope these guys are making purposeful choices."

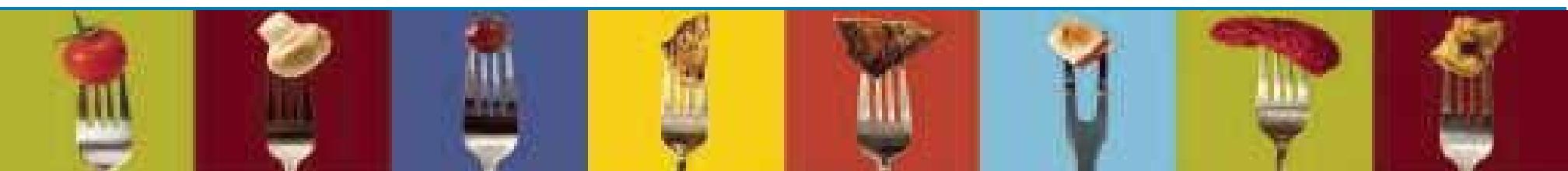
The new transfer landscape will force coaches to reconsider recruiting strategies, and open a new round of recruiting players who want to transfer, Nutt said.

At Oklahoma, Sooners coach Lincoln Riley landed a player in Hurts to take over after losing Heisman Trophy winner Kyler Murray.

At Texas, Herman signed Rising and Thompson in the same recruiting class only to be faced with both of them considering leaving a year later. At his December signing day news conference, Herman said he expected all the quarterbacks on the 2018 roster to still be with the team in the spring.

A month later, Herman has already lost one, will likely lose a second and could still lose a third with the Feb. 6 signing day approaching fast.

"Do you save a scholarship because you might need to sign a kid later?" Nutt said. "It's hard. You need numbers and you need at least four (quarterbacks) on your roster because kids get hurt. Now there's quarterbacks leaving because they can see the writing on the wall."



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